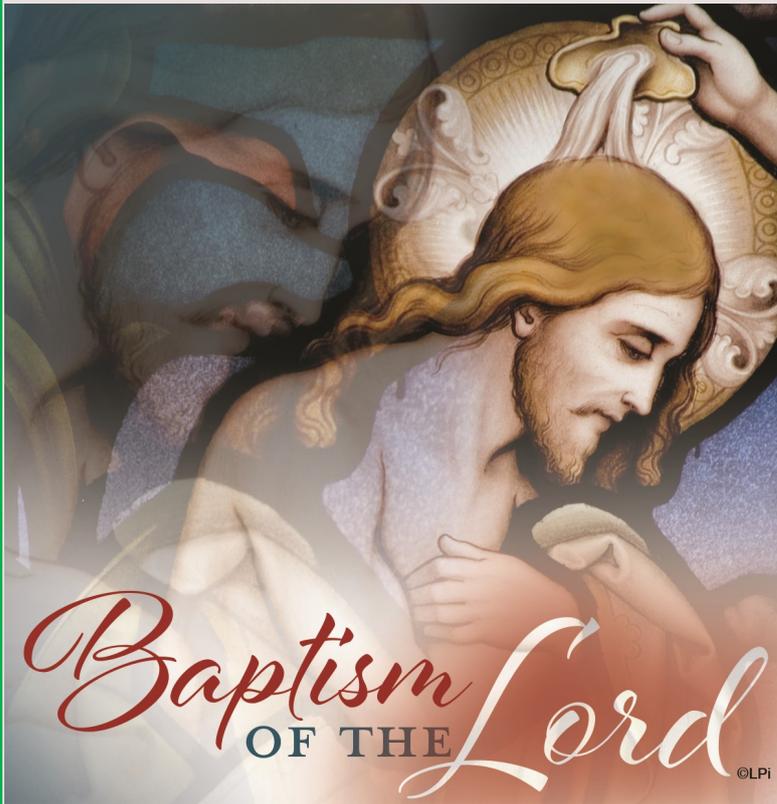


Parish Newsletter

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



This Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and during the 11:00 am Mass, Fr. Paul will do a special prayer of blessing for all babies waiting to be baptised.

You can watch the Mass via our webcam by clicking on the following link: <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-cronans-church-brackenstown-swords>

All baptisms are suspended for the moment. If you wish to have a baby baptised and have their name added to our waiting list, please email the Parish Office.

We will be in touch with all families who are waiting to have their child baptised when we return to Level 3 restrictions and hopefully can set some new dates for Baptisms.

- **The aim of this Apostolic Letter** is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.
- Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.
- We know that God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us.
- Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.
- Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely.
- I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. Lk 15:11-32).



POPE FRANCIS
*on the 150th Anniversary
of the Proclamation of
St. Joseph
as Patron of the Universal Church*

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.
Let us now make our prayer to him:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from every
evil. Amen.*

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 8 December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 2020, the eighth of my Pontificate.

Franciscus

To read the full Apostolic Letter go to:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

All Masses are online only: Mon to Sat 10:00am; Sunday 6:30pm(Sat. vigil) 9am and 11am

Rosary and Night Prayer online 8:30pm Mon to Fri (from 4th January) Taizé Prayer Friday 7:30pm (from 11th Jan)

Confessions Saturdays 10:45am to 11:30 in Pastoral Centre. Church closes at 6:00pm.



UNDERSTANDING EPIPHANY WITH THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

On 12th January you are invited to a ZOOM presentation at 7:00pm by Fr Mikhail Nasonov of the Russian Orthodox Church in Dublin.

REGISTER FOR ZOOM PRESENTATION

To register your interest email brackenstownparish@gmail.com and we will send you the link



FR. MIKHAIL NASONOV

Fr. Mikhail Nasonov is Rector of the patriarchal monastery of the Church of Holy Apostles Peter and Paul in Dublin. He was born in 1973 in Sevastopol. He studied theology in St. Petersburg and in Paris at the St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute. After receiving religious education he worked in the seminary in Kostroma and then taught at St. Tikhon's Theological University in Moscow. He was ordained a priest in Kostroma. Father Michael came to Ireland in April 2011 and is married with three children.

Calendar, Sacraments & Restrictions

As we begin another Level 5 restriction the only ceremonies that can take place with a congregation are Weddings (with 6 guests) and Funerals (with 10 mourners). All other ceremonies will be online only.

We have families who had booked Baptisms in 2020 who have not yet been able to celebrate this Sacrament and we will be facilitating them first before we issue dates for this year. As there is so much uncertainty what we ask you to do is email the Parish Office with your request for Baptism and include what month you would like to celebrate the Baptism. There are only ten family members with each child and a max. of four baptisms at one ceremony.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates will not be set until we see how restrictions continue to affect the Church being open. The Sacraments will be celebrated later than usual and there will be a restriction on numbers in the Church. This mean that half a class (50 people) or at max 1 full class (100 people) at each ceremony.

Epiphany Gifts Appeal

This year, as every year, we have had an amazing response to the Epiphany Gifts Appeal. Many thanks to everyone who has made a donation.

The closing date for dropping donations into the Church is this Sunday at 6pm. The gifts will be passed onto the Alice Leahy Homeless Trust.



ALICE LEAHY TRUST

Due to Level 5 Restrictions, the Parish Office is dealing with all enquiries by email and online. Mass cards can be collected in the Sacristy after morning Masses at 10:30am but please email the names beforehand.

Taize Prayer returns this Friday 15th January at 7:30pm. Prayer Intentions can be emailed to the Parish Office or dropped into the box marked 'Taize Prayer' in the Church Porch. Rosary & Night Prayer continues every Monday - Friday evening from 8:30pm. All prayer services are via webcam.

Join us to pray the Rosary and Night Prayer
At 8:30pm each evening



Welcome back

It is with great happiness that we welcome Fr. Bibin back from his break in India. His mother's health has greatly improved and he thanks everyone for their prayer and kindness.

Fr. Bibin was tested in Kerala before he left and his test came back negative. However he has to isolate for 14 days from the 1st January, after which he will be tested again before returning to ministry. You can contact him by phone or email but please don't call to his house until his time isolation is finished. You can leave anything for him with Fr. Paul.

CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself, Fr. Bibin and the sick & retired Priests of the Diocese. We sincerely appreciate your generosity to this collection.

There is a financial benefit to the Parish as your Dues contributions can be included in your Family Offering for the Tax Reclaim Scheme. You can donate online using the Donate button on the Parish website or drop your envelope into the white letterboxes in the Church. Thank you again for your generosity and for all your support at Christmas and throughout the year.

Fr. Paul & Fr. Bibin.

ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS

V. Delaney (4A)
John McNally (20A)
Noel Flynn (7A)
Mikey & Alice Heffernan (A)

PRAY FOR

Altar List of the Dead
Frankie Woods (RD)
Pat Teeling (RD)
Michael Hoare (9A)
Joe & Henry Murphy (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Betty Ivory (Rem)
Tues: Madeline & Paddy Kealy (Rem)
Pray for: Alan Geary (4A)
Wed: James & Winifred Kirwan (A)
Pray for: Special Intention
Dcsd Member Rooney Family
Thur: Pray for: Tom Mutcheler (1A)
Peter Harford (A)
Julia Pentony (A)
Fri: Pray for: Edward Brum (8A)
Sat: Philip O'Reilly (A)

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